Safety Element and Development Code Updates

Planning Commission Workshop

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Updating the Safety Element

- First update in a new 8-year cycle (with the Housing Element)
- New laws require focus on climate change adaptation and resilience
- Requires a Vulnerability Assessment
- Plan should emphasize equity & needs of vulnerable communities
Themes from Comments

• Concern about evacuation routes
• Involvement from other County departments
• Safety Element shows that new housing is not safe
Safety Element Makes Housing Safer

Apply Safety Element Policies to **Safely Develop Housing**

- **SE Policies will Improve Hazard Safety so Housing can be Developed Safely**
- **SE Policies Specify Development Requirements so New Housing will be Constructed Safely**
- **SE Policies Plan for all Equitable Protection from Climate Change Hazards**
Building on Existing Goals

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- Geologic Hazards → Geologic Hazards
- Flooding → Flooding
- Wildfire → Wildfire (More Robust)
- Equity
- Climate Resiliency

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Potential Programs to Address Equity

Create equitable processes for achieving climate resilience.

- Identify and map vulnerable populations
- Community specific engagement
- Community-led safety programs
What Falls Under Resiliency Planning?

- Sea Level Rise
- Severe Weather
- Extreme Heat
- Drought
# Potential Climate Resiliency Programs

Manage the threat of climate risks to the current and future Marin community.

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